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In re application of: **Yi-Lung Cheng**Examiner: **Thanh T. Nguyen**Serial No.: **10/718,881**Group Art Unit: **2813**Filed: **November 21, 2003**Confirmation No.: **1465**

**For: METHOD FOR FORMING A BORDERLESS CONTACT OPENING FEATURING  
 A COMPOSITE TRI-LAYER ETCH STOP MATERIAL**

## RESPONSE AFTER FINAL – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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## SECOND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 26, 2005

Commissioner:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated October 26, 2005, the Advisory Action mailed January 9, 2006, and the telephone conversation and e-mail communications with Examiner Nguyen that occurred on January 17-18, 2006, please re-examine and reconsider the above-identified application according to the amendments and remarks provided.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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